

**2025 Writing Hub Bootcamp**  
**Scholarship and Funding Opportunities for Undergraduate**  
**and Graduate School Through Scholarships**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**  
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If you need assistance in discovering scholarships to finance your education, reach out to scholarship experts and writing consultants in the TSU Writing Center, Mr. Turner at [mjturner@tnstate.edu](mailto:mjturner@tnstate.edu) or Ms. Lori Danley at [ldanley@tnstate.edu](mailto:ldanley@tnstate.edu).

In this workshop, we will alert you to several scholarships you may not be aware of to help pay for college.

We will also discuss how if you are a Tennessee State University student, you can receive help in the TSU Writing Center, and we will share several success stories of students who received assistance in the Writing Center.

Then, we will point out ways you can find more scholarships to finance your education with more money, less debt.

If there is any time left over, we will also look for scholarships for majors of those attending the workshop.

This handout will contain scholarships and opportunities we did not get to discuss in the workshop.

**Sobering College Debt Statistics**

- ✓ Americans own more than \$1.7 trillion in student debt.
- ✓ About 25% of student loan borrowers went to graduate school but owe a half of all outstanding student debt.
- ✓ Average amount of student debt per person: \$28,950 for a bachelor's; \$71,000 for a master's; \$66,300 for an MBA; \$145,500 for a law degree; and \$201,490 for a medical degree.

Source: Hess, Abigail Johnson. "Only 25% of those with student loans went to graduate school—but they owe around 50% of all student debt." *CNBC*, 16 July 2021, <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/16/graduate-students-owe-around-50percent-of-all-student-debt.html>.

## Scholarship Writing Project

We discussed the following scholarship during the PowerPoint presentation of the workshop.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

\$1,500 I Have A Dream Scholarship, D: Jan 31, 2025

Anyone 14 years of age or older, a legal US resident of one of the 50 United States or Washington, DC, and a US student can apply, which includes TSU undergraduates and graduates.

Essay prompt: "We want to know... what do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us for a chance to win \$1,500 for college." (250 words or less)

## TSU Foundation Scholarships

<https://tnstate.academicworks.com/opportunities>

TSU Foundation scholarship catalog (*check this website every two weeks; you may find nothing listed, but I just checked today, and it appears several scholarships may be open*)

Front Matter: [http://www.tnstate.edu/financial\\_aid/scholarships.aspx](http://www.tnstate.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.aspx)

**Pay attention to deadlines. In the past, the deadline for these scholarships has been March 31, but different deadline dates have been seen.**

## How to Make Your TSU University Foundation Application Stand Out

- ✓ Scholarship funding is limited, so you want your scholarship application to stand out and highlight what makes you unique and different.
- ✓ Often students just list brief information in what they do. This will severely put you at a disadvantage to those students who go into more detail.
- ✓ Think of what you are doing now and what you did in high school and make a list. You will remember things as you go along, and you can add these to your application.
- ✓ Identify positions (volunteer, president, co-founder, vice-president, founder, etc.)

- ✓ Identify organizations, including briefly what the organization does or is
- ✓ Identify responsibilities or activities you did for that organization and go into brief but “telling” detail
- ✓ If you held responsibilities that called upon leadership skills, highlight them.
- ✓ You want to make sure your grammar and punctuation is consistent and correct.
- ✓ You can save and go back to your application as necessary.
- ✓ Once you submit your application, you can then start applying to separate scholarships for which you are qualified. Some of these require answering questions to make sure you are qualified for that particular scholarship or writing a brief essay.

**How the TSU Writing Center Can Help You: Make several appointments in the TSU Writing Center to go over your general application to make it as strong as you can, and make appointments to go over essays you are writing for individual scholarships.**

*Most often, the same questions being asked for the TSU University Foundation Scholarships are similar to other applications, so strong, consistent work can pay off in that you can reframe what you write and use those toward other scholarships.*

## **Upcoming Scholarships to Pay Attention to Now**

### **Community Foundation Scholarships**

**Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee Scholarships, D: February 1, 2025**

<https://www.cfmt.org/scholars/apply-for-scholarships/>

Multiple scholarship opportunities are available. Click on **Apply Here** to start your application. Important dates:

General scholarship application opens December 1, 2024, and the deadline to apply is February 1, 2025.

### **Community Foundation Scholarships for Residents from Other States**

<https://www.cof.org/community-foundation-locator>

Students not from the Middle Tennessee area can use this Community Foundation Locator at the link above to find a community foundation close to your permanent residence and see what scholarships may be available.

## Bold.Org Scholarships

<https://bold.org/scholarships/mindscape/>

**\$20,000 Sean Carroll’s Mindscape Big Picture Scholarship, D: Jan 20, 2025, two winners; winners announced Feb 20, 2025**

Selected criteria from webpage:

“The Mindscape Big Picture Scholarship was created to provide financial support for those who are looking to pursue higher education to understand how the world works.

This scholarship is open to all students who have a deep curiosity in studying the universe for its own sake—whether that be pursuing studies in physics, philosophy, biology, mathematics, literature, or any other field that seeks better understanding of our existence—and will seek to lift up those from underrepresented communities in those fields, and first-generation college students.

Scholarship recipients will receive \$10,000, to be put toward the tuition cost of an undergraduate degree.

Essay Topic: Explain why you think it’s important that we work to better understand the nature of our universe, and what ideas and concepts you hope to employ in order to do so. (400–1500 words)”

I found this scholarship by browsing the database of Bold.org using the highest amount and open as my criteria, any education level.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/joe-gilroy-plan-your-work-work-your-plan-scholarship/>

**\$1,100 Joe Giloy “Plan Your Work, Work Your Plan” Scholarship, D: Feb 28, 2025, two winners; winners announced Mar 28, 2025**

Selected criteria from webpage:

“This scholarship aims to support any student who has dreams and a detailed plan on how to pursue and achieve them.

Anybody who is pursuing further education of some kind may apply for this scholarship if they have specific goals and experience in the field they’re pursuing. Eligible candidates includes those pursuing trade school, certifications or graduates who are trying to pay down student loan debt.

To apply, tell us about your goals and your plans for achieving them, including as many details as possible.

Essay Topic: Please describe your goals and the plans you have to reach these goals. Please include details, including the resources necessary, a budget, and thorough thought of all the angles. Resources and timing are important in any plan, as well as consideration of all paths for success. (400–600 words)”

Click on the link above for more information (will help you in writing your essay).

<https://bold.org/scholarships/redefining-victory-scholarship/>

**\$2,500 Redefining Victory Scholarship, D: Apr 1, 2025, eight winners; winners announced May 1, 2025**

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Success can mean different things for different people; from the pursuit of academic excellence to the realization of personal passions and goals, these diverse interpretations of achievement reflect the perspectives that individuals develop as they navigate their unique journeys.

Regardless of their paths, achievers’ lives are marked by passion, perseverance, and self-education, proving that potential is not limited to the traditional academic route. The common thread is a commitment to improvement and a resilience in the face of challenges and hardships.

By embracing diverse avenues for personal growth, anyone can conquer the challenges of life and attain the pinnacle of success.

Any student may apply, whether pursuing a community college or university degree, attending a trade school, or completing a certificate program.

To apply, describe what success looks like to you and how this opportunity will help you achieve it.

Previous winners are encouraged to apply; please include how you have progressed in your program.

Essay topic: Describe what success looks like for you and how this opportunity will help you achieve it. (500–800 words)”

Click on the link above for more information.

**Other Scholarships Offered by Bold.Org**

<https://bold.org/scholarships/>

Bold.org administers many more easy scholarships. Click on the link above to discover all the scholarships they administer. You can also choose various categories to limit your search based

on education level; major or area of interest; status (is the scholarship open, reviewing entries, or awarded); choose scholarships with no-essay; and sort (by newest, oldest, nearest deadline, farthest deadline, highest amount, or lowest amount)

Choose Highest Amount (in Sort by) and Status (Open) to see what scholarships show up.

### **Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships**

***TMCF/McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarship (\$15,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year)—Opens November 11, 2024-Deadline: April 25, 2025 (11:59 pm EST)***

<https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarship/tmcf-mcdonalds-black-and-positively-golden-scholarships/>

All applicants attending an HBCU with a GPA of 2.7 or higher must upload a professional image in your school logo and/or school colors and answer the following video question (2 mins max): “What unique perspective, passion, or curiosity drives your academic interests? How do you envision it shaping your future as a scholar and leader in your field?”

### **Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships**

<http://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarships/>

TMCF offers many types of unique scholarships throughout the year that are merit, plus need-based, designed to address the financial needs of students attending a TMCF member-school or other accredited college or university (if applicable).

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Click on “Click Here to Apply” to get started.

**TMCF offers more than just scholarships. Explore the other opportunities that the TMCF offers here:** <https://www.tmcf.org/>

### **Splunk's 2025 HBCU Academic Scholarship**

[https://www.splunk.com/en\\_us/blog/splunklife/splunk-s-hbcu-academic-scholarship.html](https://www.splunk.com/en_us/blog/splunklife/splunk-s-hbcu-academic-scholarship.html)

**\$10,000 2025 Splunk's 2025 HBCU Academic Scholarship, D: Feb 7, 2025**

Selected criteria:

**“All eligible applicants must:**

- Be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited HBCU, pursuing a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree with a graduation date between December 2026 - August 2027.
- Be actively pursuing a technology-related degree in computer science, computer engineering, software development, data science, information systems, information technology, networking engineering, web development, UX/UI design, cybersecurity, or other technology-related degrees.
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Be 18 years of age or older.”

**Regions Riding Forward Scholarship**

**\$8,000 Regions Riding Forward Scholarship**

<https://www.regions.com/about-regions/diversity-equity-inclusion/supporting-communities/essay-contest-scholarship>

***Regions Riding Forward Scholarship (\$8,000) Deadline for Quarter 1 contest: March 31, 2025***; there are three more opportunities throughout 2025

Selected criteria from the webpage:

“Their Story. Your Voice. Your voice is your own. But it’s also been impacted by others. Who, we wonder, has inspired you? Let us know by entering the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Contest.

For the opportunity to win an \$8,000 scholarship, submit a video or written essay about an individual you know personally (who lives in your community) who has inspired you and helped you build the confidence you need to achieve your goals.”

More criteria can be found at the link above, including the requirement of a GPA of 2.0 or above (and if no GPA is provided by the school, be in “good standing”) and being a legal US resident of one of the eligible states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

## Create A Greeting Card Scholarship

<https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

**\$10,000 Create A Greeting Card Scholarship, D: March 3, 2025**

Selected criteria from webpage:

### “Here’s How

- Submit original photo, artwork, computer or AI-created graphics for the front of a greeting card.
- Contest submissions accepted from: July 8th, 2024 – March 3rd, 2025.
- Winner will be announced on or about May 15th, 2025.
- Age Eligibility: Must be 14 years or older at time of entry and be enrolled in High School, College, University or Homeschool.
- The finalists will again be decided by voting!”

## Other Scholarship Opportunities

The following scholarships and databases are available to explore. I haven’t had time to write them up, so see what you find.

<https://www.drpepper.com/s/tuition-finalists>

Found done the page, you will find the link to a **Dr. Pepper Tuition Sweepstakes**: “Want to Make Your Tuition Dreams Come True? Join Pepper Perks and Enter the Tuition Sweepstakes For The Chance To Win \$10k In Tuition.”

**Available from 10/1/2024-1/20/2025.**

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/>

**The Marketplace by Kaleidoscope** for grants, scholarships, and other forms of financial assistance.

<https://rb.gy/otjjjg>

**\$500-\$4,000 2025 Union Plus Scholarship, D: Jan 31, 2025**



## 500 Word or Less Scholarships and No GPA requirement

Check the links below to discover them.

1. <https://www.return2college.com/awardprogram.cfm>

**\$1,000 Return to College (R2C) Scholarship, D: Jan 31, 2025**

2. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

**\$2,500 Superpower Scholarship, D: Mar 31, 2025**

Prompt: "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?" (250 words or less)

Essay or Video submission

3. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

**\$10,000 Unigo 10K Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2025**

Prompt: "Would you rather be smart, funny or rich? Why?" (250 words or less)

Essay or Video submission.

4. <https://www.genkellyscholarship.com/apply>

**\$1,000 Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, D: July 31, 2025**

5. <https://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm>

**\$1,000 College is Power (CIP) Scholarship, D: May 31, 2025**

6. <https://www.moolahspot.com/scholarship/>

**\$1,000 The MoolahSPOT Scholarship, D: April 30, 2025**

**How the TSU Writing Center Can Help You:** Make appointments with a writing center tutor to go over your answers and write several drafts before submitting your best one.

## Scholarships and Opportunities to Explore

1. <https://www.mmtfscholarships.com/apply>

**\$1,000 Moving Mountains Through Faith Scholarship, D: July 9, 2024**, GPA 3.0 or higher, Tennessee State University student or Alabama A&M University student, part or full-time; open to all majors, all classifications (undergraduate and graduate students)

2. <https://www.aspirehigherscholarships.com/>

**Up to \$10,000 Aspire Higher Scholarships, Application Submission Period: March 14 – June 11, 2025**

Selected criteria from website:

“6 College Scholarships up to \$10,000 each for 2025-2026 tuition costs

Categories

3 Undergraduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing undergraduate or vocational/technical degrees

3 Graduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing graduate degrees

Determine the scholarship category that fits your academic status. You may only apply within one category. Students pursuing technical/vocational degrees or certificates may be eligible.

See Rules & Regulations.

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a United States citizen living in the United States
- At the time of application, have applied to, have been accepted to, or are currently attending an accredited, nonprofit, two- or four-year college, university, or advanced (post-high school) vocational or technical school for academic year 2025-2026
- Have been diagnosed with and treated for a dermatologic condition
- Have been treated by a dermatologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner working in a dermatology practice”

3. <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-professional-associations.aspx>

**Professional Association Finder**—find a professional organization associated with your major or future career. Then, google the name of the professional organization. These organizations often offer scholarships and/or career advice and help.

Seeking help from a librarian can also help you find more organizations and associations connected to your major or future jobs.

4. <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**—several different programs to help finance study abroad.

From webpage: “The U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity. The Institute of International Education has administered the program since its inception in 2001.”

5. <https://dosomething.org/pays-to-do-good>

**\$1,000-\$5,000 DoSomething.Org Scholarships—check back every month or so**

From webpage: “Are you between the ages of 13 and 25 years old and live in the U.S. (or are a U.S. citizen, but living abroad), interested in volunteering, and looking for scholarship opportunities? Then you’re in the right spot.

Enter for the opportunity to earn a scholarship by doing community service. No essays, no GPA requirements, no recommendations, no applications...and you can enter multiple scholarships. Official rules apply.”

6. <http://www.lucasaykroyd.com/scholarships>

**\$1,000 Irene Adler Prize, D: most likely May 30, 2025 (submission guidelines will be released later in January)**

“**Description:** Scholarship prize is open to women commencing or continuing a bachelor’s, master’s, or Ph.D. degree in journalism, creative writing, or literature at a recognized post-secondary institution in the United States or Canada in 2022-2023.”

taken from JLV College Counseling description:

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/age/graduate-students/>

7. <https://www.tun.com/scholarships/the-hyundai-women-in-stem-scholarship/>

**\$10,000 Hyundai Women in STEM Scholarship (five scholarships), D: most likely June 30, 2025**, “open to high school seniors and college undergraduates who identify as female, reside in the United States, and wish to pursue a STEM-related field of education.” [check back around March or so]

8. <https://www.salliemae.com/about/scholarship-opportunities/>

Sallie Mae, along with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, established several **Bridging the Dream Scholarships**. While the 2024 program are now closed, I would pay attention to see when the 2025 programs open.

Bridging the Dream Scholarship program for high school seniors

Completing the Dream Scholarship program for post-secondary students

Bridging the Dream Scholarship for Graduate Students

9. <https://www.parkerdewey.com/career-launchers>

**Micro-internships** are “**short-term, paid, professional** projects are open to all college students and recent graduates of U.S.-based institutions.”

## How to Find More Scholarships

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/graduate-school-scholarships/>

**Graduate School Scholarship Search Engine** brought to you by SallieMae—you can also register for a chance to win \$1,000.

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

I trust this source, and it is a good place to search for scholarships

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2/>

Scholarships by Monthly deadlines

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/age/graduate-students/>

Scholarships for Graduate students

<https://scholaroo.com/scholarships/>

Scholaroo Search Engine for Scholarships

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>

Scholarships for America database of scholarships

<https://www.sallie.com/scholarships>

Sallie Mae and Scholly--Good database of scholarships

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Unigo Database of Scholarships

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

Scholarship Finder at CareerOneStop

<https://www.ucango2.org/Scholarships.html>

You can search for scholarships by deadline date or by category (found on the right side).

<https://www.tun.com/scholarships/>

Scholarships database by the University Network

**SKIP THE ADS!** (Some of the ads are legitimate, but sadly I can't vouch for them all. Avoid the single mom or single dad scholarships—I and a few other students have received calls, and some of the operators are not scrupulous, trying to pressure students in pursuing degrees at for-profit colleges and to take on heavy student loans.)

They often ask very extensive, very invasive questions if you sign up for them, in order to give that information to marketers.)

## **Looking for Scholarships, Internships, and other Government Programs using Benefits.gov**

<https://www.usa.gov/benefit-finder>

The Benefits Finder is the portal for information about government benefits run by the federal government, which includes some state information.

Students, and parents, can choose to answer questions in the **Benefit Finder Tool** and find benefits, including scholarships, internships, and government programs, they can apply for.

## **Grants to Individuals Online database**

There is a little-known resource called **Grants to Individual Online database**, accessible to students and others through Funding Information Network Locations.

<https://candid.org/find-us>

By putting in your zip code at the website at the above link, you can find libraries or places you can go to access this database. For example, some libraries that carry this resource are about 27-40 miles away, so if you want to explore this, I would contact the library with questions, such as “Do you provide free access to the Grants to Individual Online database?” and “Could I come in and you show me how it works?”

Have the librarians teach you everything that the Grants to Individual Online database has available.

Possible instructions on how to find scholarships, fellowships, and grants:

<https://help.candid.org/s/article/Grants-to-Individuals-Search-in-Foundation-Directory-Professional>

## **Academic Common Market (ACM)**

<https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market>

**Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas are three of the 15 states that are a part of the Academic Common Market.**

They are “Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; Florida and Texas participate only at the graduate level.”

North Carolina no longer participates in the Academic Common Market.

From webpage: “The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution’s in-state tuition rates. More than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate programs are available.”

You might pay in-state tuition rates for out of state programs.

**Tennessee State University is one of the participating institutions.**

<http://home.sreb.org/acm/participating/institutionstates.aspx>

**Click on your state to find the contact and webpage for the Academic Common Market for your state.**

<https://www.sreb.org/doctoral-scholars-program>

**Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)-State Doctoral Scholars Program**

From webpage: “Increasing Faculty Diversity

The goal: more minority Ph.D. students who seek careers as faculty on college campuses.

The Doctoral Scholars Program provides multiple layers of support — not only financial assistance and research funding, but also career counseling, job postings and a scholar directory

for networking and recruiting. Mentoring and advocacy for scholars is crucial, and support continues into early careers as graduates become faculty members.”

[https://www.nasfaa.org/State\\_Regional\\_Tuition\\_Exchanges](https://www.nasfaa.org/State_Regional_Tuition_Exchanges)  
***Other Learning Exchanges like the ACM can be found here.***

Let’s say you are a TSU student, but your home state is Illinois. You can see what programs are offered at the Master’s level or Ph.D. level as part the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP).

If it falls in line with your plans, you can seek out a graduate degree for lowered tuition and make plans to pay for school with scholarships, assistantships, or research fellowships.

### **Recommended Resources**

Several people have gone to school for little to no debt. Throughout the years, I have recommended several of these people.

I want to recommend one person if you are in a crunch, needing to look for money now. I recommend Marianne Ragins, who received more than \$400,000 in her senior year of high school to attend college.

Also, this book is available as a book or a Kindle format.

You do not need to have a Kindle reader to read Kindle books. You can download a Kindle app to read books on your PC or on your phone.

<https://www.amazon.com/Winning-Scholarships-College-Insiders-Paying/dp/1950653234/>

Marianne Ragins, *Winning Scholarships for College: An Insider's Guide to Paying for College*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Kindle Edition. June 16, 2024.

### **Articles about Paying for Graduate School Without Going into Debt**

(I found these articles by googling the following words *how graduate students need not go into financial debt*; you can use the same words and find other articles).

<https://www.investopedia.com/financial-edge/0611/7-ways-to-get-through-grad-school-debt-free.aspx>

Puri, Ritika. “8 Ways to Get Through Grad School Debt Free.” *Investopedia*, 3 Sept. 2024.

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/blog/should-you-go-into-debt-graduate-school/>

Carlton, Genevieve. “Ask a Professor: Should You Go Into Debt for Graduate School?” *Bestcolleges.com*, 3 Feb. 2022.

<https://www.savingforcollege.com/article/how-to-avoid-student-loan-debt-for-graduate-school>

O'Connell, Brian. "How to Reduce Student Loan Debt for Graduate School."

*SavingforCollege.com*, 6 Feb. 2020. **This article has several good ideas; one idea I don't agree with in this article is to choose private student loans for graduate school.**

<https://www.edvisors.com/blog/minimize-debt/>

Rubin, Elaine. "How to Minimize Student Loan Debt." *Edvisors.com*, 3 May 2021.

<https://www.thecollegefundingcoach.org/conquering-the-beast-of-graduate-student-debt/>

McFillin, Tim. "Conquering the Beast of Graduate Student Debt."

*TheCollegeFundingCoach.org*, 26 Mar. 2020.

## Articles about Opportunities for Graduate School

<https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/scholarships-for-graduate-students/>

Article containing a **list of Graduate School Scholarships**—if a deadline has passed, pay attention to know when the new deadline in 2025 will most likely come up

<https://goingmerry.com/blog/how-to-pay-for-college/>

Article "**How to Pay for College Without Student Loans: 22 Tips**," 30 May 2024. [This article is good for undergraduates too]

<https://scholarshipworkshop.com/scholarship-help/financial-aid-for-graduate-students/>

**Scholarships and Financial Aid for Graduate Students** by Marianne Ragins, you will need to google the programs to learn more about them

## Writing Help at the TSU Writing Center for Scholarships or Any Writing Concern

As a Tennessee State University student or faculty/staff member, if you need help with scholarship applications, essays, or any other writing concern, know that the Writing Center at Tennessee State University is here for you!

Spring 2025 hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00pm and Sunday, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, 615.963.5102.

Writing assistance is available in person in the Writing Center, relocated to room 229, TSU library, or available online

For online scheduling: <http://mywco.com/tnstate>



If you already have an account, log in and make an appointment.

If you don't have an account, register for an account by clicking on "Register an Account" next to FIRST VISIT? and schedule your appointment!

For help with any writing concern including resumes, applications, or essays for scholarships or internships, you can sign up for any available writing tutor.

For assistance with finding scholarships, sign up for Mr. Turner or Ms. Danley.

For more scholarships, visit Scholarship Tigers at <https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

You can contact Rhonda Kavan, Writing Center Coordinator at Tennessee State University, at rkavan@tnstate.edu; Michael Turner, Writing Instructor/ Tutor and Scholarship Writing Expert at mjtturner@tnstat.edu; or Lori Danley, Writing Instructor/Tutor and Scholarship Writing Expert at ldanley@tnstate.edu

### **Other Scholarship Opportunities**

**(Deadlines may have passed, but you can watch for them in the future:  
if the scholarship allows it, sign up to be notified when the scholarship opens)**

1. <https://www.aiga.org/worldstudio-scholarship/>

#### **\$2,500-\$3,000 AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships**

Selected criteria from website:

"Educational Requirements

Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Applicants must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in one of the following disciplines:

Graphic design

Illustration

Photography

\*Note: Apply in the category that best matches your major."

More information available at the link above.

2. <http://www.beyondtheboroughs.org/the-scholarship/scholarship-requirements/>

#### **Beyond the Boroughs Scholarship, D: March 15, 2025**

### **Up to \$20,000; \$5,000 each year**

Selected criteria from website:

“Scholarships up to \$20,000 over four years will be awarded to full-time students who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent (culinary school, for example). **Applicants can be current high school seniors entering college in the fall or students currently attending a college or university.**

The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning. Everyone who meets the requirements below is invited to apply.

Scholarship recipients will receive notice of their award by June 15 of the school year prior to when the scholarship will commence.

#### **Scholarship Application Requirements:**

- Acceptance to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent
- Low income household
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Involvement in an extra-curricular activity or work
- Completion of full application including a completed **Student Aid Report** from the FAFSA or the CSS Profile
- Submit application by the March 15th deadline.”

#### 3. <https://www.bankrate.com/loans/student-loans/in-state-college-tuition/>

Article: “How to get in-state college tuition,” Ben Luthi, 21 Oct. 2024. 6 minute read. Article that details how one may establish in-state residency and whether it is worth it.